



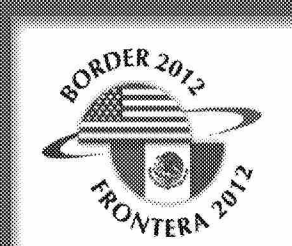
## EPA Region 6

# QUARTERLY REPORT

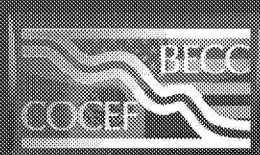
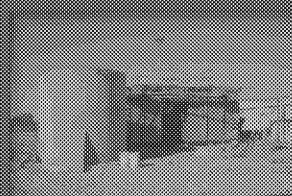
April - June 2016



US-MEXICO GRANT  
Implementation of Border 2012 Plan  
Region 6  
X4-00F45301



Submitted by:  
*Javier Torres, Technical Assistance Manager*



Comisión de Cooperación Ecológica Fronteriza  
*Border Environment Cooperation Commission*

# ***QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT***

## **US-MEXICO GRANT Implementation of Border 2012 Plan Region 6**

**GRANT: X4-00F45301-3**

Grant Period: Sep. 30, 2011 - Sep. 30, 2016

**REPORTING PERIOD:**

***April – June 2016***

**TO:**

***Monica Wilson  
U.S. EPA, Region 6 (6PD)  
Environmental Protection Specialist***

**FROM:**

***Javier Torres  
Border Environment Cooperation Commission  
Technical Assistance Manager***

***July 30, 2016, Cd. Juárez, Chihuahua, México***

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## US Mexico Border 2012 Environmental Program - Quarterly Grant Status Report

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<b>Work plan Deliverables Due this Project Period</b>  ❖ Grant work plan deliverables are detailed in the Active Project List. See Attachment “A”.																									

**TABLE 1**  
Summary of Quarterly Expenses by Category (Report Period April 1 to June 30, 2016)

Work Plan Tasks	Approved Work Plan Budget	Previously Expended	Expenses this Quarter	Total Cumulative Expenses
Task A- Air Policy Forum	\$64,420	\$64,420	\$0	\$64,420
Task B- RFP	\$41,860	\$41,860	\$0	\$41,860
Task C- Projects	\$667,618	\$621,644	\$0	\$621,644
Task D- BECC Presence	\$18,727	\$18,727	\$0	\$18,727
Task E- Logistics	\$74,648	\$42,955	\$7,786	\$50,740
Task F- Children's Health	\$18,182	\$16,779	\$0	\$16,779
Indirect Cost	\$88,545	\$80,638.66	\$779	\$81,417.21
<b>TOTAL Cumulative Expenses</b>	<b>\$974,000</b>	<b>\$887,023</b>	<b>\$8,564</b>	<b>\$895,587</b>

**TABLE 2**  
Summary of Quarterly Expenses by Task (Report Period April 1 to June 30, 2016)

**Cumulative Work Plan Tasks Expenses**

Budget Categories (programmatic costs only)	Task A	Task B	Task C	Task D	Task E	Task F	TOTAL Quarterly Expenses
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contractual	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,786	\$0	\$7,786
Other (specify) <i>Project Implementation</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Direct Charges</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,786</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7,786</b>
Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$779	\$0	\$779
<b>TOTAL Cumulative Expenses</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$8,564</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$8,564</b>

Are you on track with your timeline? If you are behind, what is the reason?

On track   X  , Behind           .

List the priorities of your specific project as stated in your EPA-approved grant application/workplan.

**TASK A - Support for the Border 2012 Air Policy Forum**

In coordination with the U.S. co-chair, who in turn coordinates with its Mexican counterpart, the BECC provides support for annual Border 2012 Air Policy Forum (APF) meetings, air quality/climate change/energy efficiency workshops, trainings, seminars, conferences and meetings in the border region.

**TASK B - Procurement of Border 2012 projects in support of identified issues as addressed by Regional Tasks Force Groups:**

As part of this task the BECC participated with the EPA-R6 in the coordination and implementation of Border 2012 projects. The BECC's role includes the development of the initial public solicitation Request for Proposals (RFP) for projects that meet the criteria establish under the Border 2012 Program. In addition, the BECC participated in the evaluation, selection, and award of grant funds for project implementation.

The BECC's involvement in the solicitation of projects under the Border 2012 Program includes the following:

**Promote Process:**

BECC staff participated in the following:

1. Prepare informational presentations for the general public.
2. Participate in Informational Workshops concerning the RFP.
3. Prepare reports on findings and suggested improvement for program implementation.

**Pre-Solicitation Preparation:**

BECC staff in coordination with EPA-R6 completed the following:

1. Determine goals and objectives to be met in accordance with program needs.
2. Address priority areas and other issues in the RFP.
3. Determine measurable results (outputs/outcomes).
4. Determine eligibility requirements.
5. Keep potential participants informed.

**Implement Project Solicitation/Procurement Process:**

BECC staff in coordination with EPA-R6 completed the following:

1. Develop list of potential participants in RFP process.
2. Prepare RFP package for project solicitation.
3. Determine procurement and project selection timelines.

**Establish RFP process.**

BECC staff in coordination with EPA-R6 completed the following:

1. Develop evaluation process for project selection.
2. Identify approach for promoting RFP participation.
3. Administer participant questions and responses.
4. Control proposals received.



5. Address general inquiries related to RFP participation and proposals preparations.

#### **Project Review and Selection:**

Coordinate with EPA-R6 proposal selection. BECC in coordination with EPA-R6 completed the following:

1. Review and/or evaluate proposals.
2. Justify selection process or prioritization of projects to EPA-R6.
3. Prepare report for EPA-R6 on projects selected.
4. Prioritize viable projects.
5. Communicate with participants of required clarification.
6. Formalize agreement with EPA-R6 on selected projects.
7. Issue work plan template for sub-recipient completion.

#### **Announce Selection Results:**

1. Post selection list on web sites.
2. Notify participants of proposal status, findings, and or standing or ranking.
3. Assist Project Sponsors (PS) with the development of Work Plans (WP) for project implementation.
4. Negotiate selected or prioritized WP improvements with PS and EPA-R6.
5. Award sub-grants for selected projects.

Measured results for this activity was determined by the number and quality of proposals received. The quality of the projects will be determined by the projects effectiveness in promoting sustainable solutions for improving and protecting both the environment and public health along the U.S. - Mexico border.

The selection of projects was in accordance with the prioritized needs of the border communities and as addressed by the Regional Work Groups.

#### **TASK C - Border 2012 Projects Implementation and Required Activities.**

BECC has overseen the implementation of projects selected under the 2011 Border 2012 RFP process. *Refer to Task B above.* The commission has overseen the implementation of project activities that have helped support the Border 2012 goals, objectives, and priority areas in accordance with the RFP. BECC has coordinated with the project selected applicants and corresponding stakeholders to develop a work plan that is consistent with the initial proposal. In addition the BECC has determined the project sponsors' capabilities to prioritize the approved support. This task may have required the BECC to perform outreach to qualified organizations to promote additional stakeholder involvement for project success.

#### **TASK D - Increase BECC Presence and Support during Task Force Groups Events.**

The BECC has helped the Regional Work Groups (RWG) and Task Force Groups (TFG) by actively participating in relevant meetings to help promote communal stakeholder involvement as an essential means in the resolution of environmental and public health issues. The BECC has implemented this task by designating in-house environmental engineers familiar with the B2012 Program to provide knowledge and experience to the TFG during meetings and workshops. BECC staff has coordinated the presentation of on-going or completed B2012 projects for demonstration purposes to generate public interest in the implementation of environmental initiatives that will be consistent with the principals of sustainable development.

#### **TASK E – Logistical Support**

##### **Logistics Activity 1**

The BECC can provide logistical support for meetings of the **Border 2020 New Mexico-Texas-Chihuahua (3-State) and Texas-Cohuila-Nuevo Leon-Tamaulipas (4-State) Workgroups and related activities in the**

**region**. Support may entail the tasks below:

1. Organizing meeting room(s) space for program participants and functions to including, but not limited to providing display tables, necessary audio/visual equipment, banners, food and beverages (in compliance with EPA regulations), space rental, and supplies for the public meeting.
2. Logistical support before and during the meetings. Providing adequate staffing for registering and login of participants, issuing name tags, directing participants to various meeting areas and other logistical activities to ensure that all participants are able to hear, view, understand speakers, and receive all applicable materials.
3. Provide bilingual minute/note taker support as required.
4. Distribution of documents and other materials to mailing lists
5. Translation of documents for the meeting and after the meeting
6. Interpretation services/Equipment
7. Newspaper notices and other electronic media notices of meeting
8. BECCNET notices
9. Travel Support for meeting participants, as requested
10. Assist in the development of presentations, such as Power Point or other visual aids
11. Moderators/facilitators services may be provided with EPA coordination

### **Logistics Activity 2**

Provide logistical support for the **Regional Work Group Task Force Meetings** that will include the **Border 2020 New Mexico-Texas-Chihuahua (3-State) and Texas-Coahuila-Nuevo Leon-Tamaulipas (4-State) Workgroups, Task Forces and Committees**. BECC will provide logistical support to EPA Region 6 in conducting a minimum of 1 meeting per Task Force and Committee group per year.

Logistical support for these meetings may include the following deliverables:

1. Organize meeting room(s) space for program participants and functions to include, but not limited to providing display tables, necessary audio/visual equipment, banners, meal services, and supplies for the public meeting.
2. Logistical support before and during the meetings. This can include registering and login in of participants, issuing name tags, directing participants to various meeting areas and other logistical activities to ensure that all participants are able to hear, view, understand speakers, and receive all applicable materials, copies and printing of material as requested provide bilingual minute/note taker support as required.
3. Distribution of documents and other materials to mailing lists
4. Translation of documents for the meeting and after the meeting
5. Interpretation services/Equipment
6. Newspaper notices and other electronic media notices of meeting
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8. Travel Support for meeting participants, as requested.
9. Assist in the development of presentations, such as Power Point or other visual aids
10. Moderators/facilitators services may be provided with EPA coordination

### **Logistics Activity 3**

If necessary, provide logistical support for the **National Coordinators Meeting, hosted in the Region 6 Border area** to provide support to the EPA Region 6 in conducting one meeting every other year as part of this border general session.

Logistical support for these meetings may include:

1. Organize meeting room(s) space for program participants and functions to include, but not limited to providing display tables, necessary audio/visual equipment, meal services, and supplies for the public meeting.
2. Logistical support before and during the meetings. Provide adequate staffing for registering and login –in of participants issuing name tags, directing participants to various meeting areas and other logistical activities to ensure that all participants are able to hear, view, understand speakers, and receive all applicable materials (copying and printing) as requested.
3. Provide bilingual minute/note taker support as required.
4. Distribution of documents and other materials to mailing lists
5. Translation of documents in preparation for the meeting, during the meeting and after the meeting
6. Interpretation services/Equipment
7. Newspaper notices and other electronic media notices of meeting
8. BECCNET notices
9. Travel Support for meeting participants, as requested.
10. Hotel Arrangements, including arrangement of block of rooms for participants
11. Transportation arrangement
12. Technical Support
13. Coordination between meeting organizers (SEMARNAT and EPA).
14. Assist in the development of presentations, such as Power Point or other visual aids

#### **Logistics Activity 4**

Provide support for **Regional Workgroups Coordinating Staff and Task Forces Co-Leaders Meetings**. BECC will provide support to the EPA Region 6 in coordinating the meetings and follow-up to the implementation work of Task Forces. BECC compliance with this task may require the use of professional consultant services.

This coordination and follow-up support may include the following deliverables:

1. Convening Task Force Co-Leader meetings
2. Convening Task Force Co-Leader conference calls
3. Providing bilingual minute/note taker support as required for meetings and conference calls
4. Assistance in developing work plan(s) by incorporating workgroup/task force recommendations in support of scheduled programs
5. Research and information gathering to assist in the development and implementation of work plans
6. Assist in the development of presentations, such as Power Point or other visual aids
7. Develop calendar of meetings
8. Assist in sending information through e-mails, fax and mail.
9. Develop e-mail and mailing lists for each Task Force
10. Moderators/facilitators services may be provided with EPA coordination

#### **Logistics Activity 5**

BECC will provide general support to include **Workgroup Coordination meetings and follow-up meetings** and assist EPA Region 6 with the following activities:

1. Develop calendar of events in coordination with B2020 partners.
2. Assist with distribution of materials.
3. Provide with updates on progress of task force and regional workgroups work plans.



4. Provide travel support to Border 2020 stakeholders as needed.
5. Preparation of Reports/Fact Sheets which may include: technical support services for the formatting and preparation of documents, assistance in research and writing, translation, design and layout, etc.
6. Assist in the distribution of documents.
7. Develop a mailing list and prepare final document for dissemination by regular mail, electronic mail, web posting.
8. Moderators/facilitators services may be provided with EPA coordination.

#### **TASK F – Children’s Health Symposium**

Hold a Children’s Health/Border Symposium in El Paso, Texas. The symposium will bring together academic and medical professionals to deliver children’s health information to health care providers, community based organizations, and community health workers (*promotoras*) along the US/MX Border to inform them about the crucial links between the environment and children’s health. BECC support for this event could include providing logistical support before and during the Symposium, which can include:

- Coordinate meeting room(s), translation services, necessary audio/visual equipment, light refreshment, assist moderators/facilitators, provide bilingual minute/note taker support, if required, arrange for travel and lodging of guest speakers and post notices in the BECCNet, and other electronic media tools

Summarize your activities and tasks accomplished during this reporting period. If possible, provide measurable counts related to those activities (e.g., persons trained, fraction of research elements completed). (*These are the output measures described the RFP.*)

#### **Prior activities:**

1. The Border 2012, 2011 Request for Proposals was completed, once the EPA-R6 recommendations were received. In December 2011 the notification letters were sent to the selected 19 project sponsors, 6 of the projects corresponding to the 3-States Region and 13 to the 4-States Region.
2. Notification letters of selected and non-selected projects for the 3-State region were issued on January 16, 2012.
3. BECC has started working with projects sponsors to define their project’s work plan and process the Technical Assistance Agreement that will allow the project to start. Most of the projects will be starting by the end of April, 2012.
4. BECC continues working with project sponsors in the development of their work plans, as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, most of the project sponsors have submitted their work plans and about half of the projects were in the Technical Assistance Agreement signature stage.
5. On July 6, 2012, the APF Border Monitoring Working Group met for the first time at the Wyndham hotel in El Paso, TX. BECC gave the following logistics support: meeting room arrangements, simultaneous interpretation, registration of participants, note taking, and documents translation. BECC also took care of travel arrangements for a speaker and other participants.
6. The Air Policy Forum took place at the Camino Real hotel in Tijuana, BC prior to the National Coordinators Meeting. The September 7 session was covered with this grant, the following ones were absorbed by the NCM event expenses. The travel expenses of an important attendee were supported also with this grant.
7. As of September 30, 2012, most of the projects selected during the 2011 RFP have their Technical Assistance Agreements signed and the actual project’s work is in progress. This includes the WGA

project on Mexican Border States Emissions Inventories

8. As of December 31, 2012, most of the projects selected during the 2011 RFP have their Technical Assistance Agreements signed and the actual project's work is in progress. This includes the WGA project on Mexican Border States Emissions Inventories.
9. As of March 31, 2013 all but 3 projects selected during the 2011 RFP are in progress, the remaining projects will be cancelled due to lack of response from the project sponsors.
10. As of June 30, 2013 all of the projects selected during the 2011 RFP, except one that was cancelled, are in progress, two projects have been completed.
11. As of September 30, 2013, eleven projects were in progress and four projects have been completed
12. As of December 31, 2013, one project was completed, and ten projects remain in under development.
13. As of March 31, 2014, five projects were completed and five still remain under development
14. As of June 31, 2014 two projects were completed and three still remain under development.
15. As of August 30, two projects were concluded and Final Reports were submitted.
16. As of September 30, 2014 one project remains under development.
17. The cooperative agreement was extended to September 2015 to allow for the remaining project to conclude its activities.
18. Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for Ascension / Janos, Chih. Project period was extended, in order to characterize two sites under the System for Information of Contaminated Sites (SISCO) of SEMARNAT.
19. During the Solid Waste Summit in Tijuana on Feb 11, a discussion with Chihuahua State Government officials about the possibility of a third phase for the above project was held. CIMAV provided a methodology proposal which is under review by the BECC.
20. The CIMAV proposal for the Janos/Ascension solid waste project was not accepted. The project's final report has been submitted and is under review.
21. Coordination began in April of the Children's Health Symposium (CHS) to be held in El Paso, Texas in September 24-25, 2015.
22. The 2015 Border Green Infrastructure Forum was held in Tucson, AZ. May 20 and 21 with 68 participants via webinar and 110 on site.
23. The BECC review of the final report of the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan for Ascension / Janos, Chih. Awaiting the incorporation of BECC comments to final report. Final invoice pending.
24. The Children's Health/Border Symposium was held on September 24-25 in El Paso, Texas. Close to 150 participants attended the event.
25. Border 2020 Amistad Task Force Meeting, December 8, 2015 in Del Rio, TX.
26. Workshop on air drayage emissions project under Border 2020 and Border 2020 Falcon Task Force Meeting, December 9, 2015 in Laredo, TX.
27. Border 2020 Gulf Task Force Meeting, December 11, 2015 in Alamo, Texas
28. Border 2020 Falcon Task Force Waste Committee Meeting, Tuesday March 8, 2016 in Laredo Texas.
29. Border 2020 Amistad Task Force Meeting, Wednesday March 9, 2016 in Eagle Pass Texas.
30. Gulf Task Force Waste Committee meeting, Wednesday March 11, 2016 in Pharr, Texas.

**Report this quarter activities:**

31. Workshops were held w/ environmental stakeholders to develop a methodology to identify measures and actions, as well to inform of the status of Proaire diagnosis.

Summarize the outcome of your efforts thus far in terms of the measurements you listed. If your work cannot yet be documented in these terms, indicate "not applicable for this report." You must include success measures if this is your final report.

Not applicable for this report.

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Resolutions to Problems Previously Reported.

Not applicable for this report.

Note: this Cooperative Agreement was amended in May 2016. The amendment was for a five (5) month no-cost time extension to provide more time to develop the remaining Proaire project.

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Activities Anticipated/Planned for Next Three Months and Budgeted Costs.

Continue coordination with SEMARNAT and the State Government of Chihuahua for the completion of a Pro-Aire project in the state.

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Discuss what key personnel did on the project.

Joaquin Marruffo provided overall project coordination as well as the communication with EPA. Jorge Hernandez monitored and coordinated work plan activity in coordination with EPA. Marielena Constandse coordinated the preparation of this report. Marielena Constandse, Abril Quiroz and Javier Torres provided Contract and Grant Administration. Javier Torres provided Grant Administration coordination with EPA.

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Discuss any changes in key personnel.

None.

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Please name any significant partner organizations that you (as the lead organization) have for this project who are taking responsibility for substantial portions of implementation.

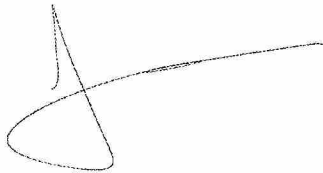
None.

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What is the geographic scope of your project implementation?

This award includes the Border 2012 Program -Region 6 area of 100 km/62.5 miles on either side of the U.S.-Mexico border between the states of Texas, New Mexico, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas.

I certify that this report is true and correct, project is on schedule except as noted, and funds are being utilized as planned and agreed to in the award document.



**Signature of Project Official:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** Javier Torres

**Title:** Technical Assistance  
Manager

**Date:** July 30, 2016

*Within 30 days following the end of each quarter, please submit this report to your EPA Project Officer.*

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## ATTACHMENT “A”



# THREE STATE (TX-CH-NM) BORDER 2012 - 2011 PROJECTS

No.	Project ID	Goal	Project Name	Project Implementer	Project Location	BECC Contract Officer & Project Manager	TAA signed	Amount Approved	STATUS
				Contact Information			Period Of Performance	Amount Disbursed	
1	20197	1	Examination of Risk to Groundwater Aquifers from Onsite Systems	NMSU	Doña Ana County, NM and Cd. Juarez, Chih.	Mane Constandse (CO)/ Jorge Hernandez (PM)	6/6/2012	\$ 84,921.48	Total Percentage Completed: 100 % Final Report Received February 26, 2014 Project Status: Completed
				Dr. Christopher Brown Ph.: (575)646-1892 brownch@nmsu.edu			18 months	\$ 84,921.48	
2	20194	1	Water Conservation Project in Pto. Palomas, Chihuahua, MX	Border Partners	Puerto Palomas, Chih.	Mane Constandse (CO)/ Jorge Hernandez (PM)	4/5/2012	\$ 10,000.00	Total Percentage Completed: 100 % Final Report Received October 26, 2013 Project Status: Completed
				Polly Edmunds Ph.: 575-646-1053 psedmunds@gmail.com			15 months	\$ 10,000.00	
3	20195	3	Plan Regional de Gestión de Residuos para Ascensión y Janos	REMEXMAR	Ascensión and Janos, Chih.	Mane Constandse (CO)/ Jorge Hernandez (PM)	6/20/2012	\$ 27,438.63	Total Percentage Completed: 100 % Final Report Received October 13, 2015 Project Status: Completed
				Quim. Ma. del Pilar Leal Tel: 616-8609 pleal@remexmar-juarez.org			40 months	\$ 27,438.63	
4	20210	4	Riesgos Microbiológicos y Químicos que Afectan la Salud Ambiental y Humana en el Valle de Juárez, Chihuahua	UACJ	Valle de Juárez, Chih.	Mane Constandse (CO)/ Alberto Ramirez (PM)	7/30/2012	\$ 67,214.63	Total Percentage Completed:100 % Final Report Recived Sept.10, 2014 Project Status: Completed
				Dr. Juan Pedro Flores Margez Tel: 658-1850 Ext. 1561 jpflores@uacj.mx			18 months	\$ 67,214.63	
5	20193	5	U.S./Mexico Sister Cities Cross Border Contingency Plan Update	RIO GRANDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	Presidio, TX and Ojinaga, Chih.	Mane Constandse (CO)/ Briselda Duarte (PM)	4/24/2012	\$ 48,489.29	Total Percentage Completed: 100 % Final Report Received January 30, 2014 Project Status: Completed
				Michael Ada Ph.: (515)533-0058 ext. 110 MichaelA@riocog.org			15 months	\$ 48,489.29	
6	20215	2	Fostering Binational Environmental Sustainability in the NM/CHIH Border Region	New Mexico Environment Department	NM-CHIH Border Region	Mane Constandse (CO)/ Briselda Duarte (PM)	1/6/2013	\$ 44,562.75	Total Percentage Completed: 100 % Final Report Received June 30, 2014 Project Status: Completed
				Thomas Ruiz, Border / NMED Office: (575) 528-6029 Cell: (575) 644-2819 thomas.ruiz@state.nm.us			18 months	\$ 44,562.75	
7	20216	2	MEXICAN BORDER STATES EMISSION INVENTORIES	Western Governors Association	TX-CHIH Border Region	Mane Constandse (CO)/ Alberto Ramirez (PM)	8/1/2013	\$ 60,000.00	Total Percentage Completed: 100 % Final Report: February 15, 2013 Project Status: Completed
				Ms. Sara Lang slang@westgov.org 303-623-9378			5 months	\$ 60,000.00	
8	20394	1	Comprehensive program to improve Air Quality basins in Northern State of Chihuahua		Juarez, Chih.	Abril Quiroz (CO) / Jorge Hernandez (PM)	5/16/2016	\$ 25,000.00	Comments: Workshop methodology to establish measures and actions in the ProAire, as well as advances in the diagnosis of ProAire.
							5 months	\$ -	
						Amount Approved	\$	367,626.78	
						Amount Disbursed	\$	342,645.78	

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No.	Project ID	Goal	Project Name	Project Implementer	Project Location	BECC Contract Officer & Project Manager	TAA signed	Amount Approved	STATUS
				Contact Information			Period Of Performance	Amount Disbursed	
1	20204	1	Capacitación para el Pre Tratamiento de Aguas Residuales	Ayuntamiento de Reynosa Ing. Angel Duarte Tel: 657-25-6204 angelduarte@reynosa.gob.mx	Reynosa, Tam.	Mane Constandse (COO) / Brieida Duarte (PM)	12 months	\$	Total Percentage Completed: 0% (cancelled). Quarterly Reports: None. Project Status: Project Cancelled in the amount of \$18,600. Lack of approval response regarding outstanding work plan's comments.
2	20196	3	Waste Tire Reuse Technology for Heavy Duty Bed Construction Applications in Brownsville, TX	Texas A&M University -- Kingsville Dr. Kim Jones Ph: (361) 593-2167 kfdj00@tamuk.edu	Brownsville, TX	Mane Constandse (CO) / Brieida Duarte (PM)	7/30/2012 18 months	\$ 15,000.00 \$ 15,000.00	Total Percentage Completed: 100 % Final Report Received September 22, 2013 Project Status: Completed
3	20213	3	Fortalecimiento de capacidad regional en el manejo de plantas desechadas	Secretaria de Desarrollo Lic. Norma a. Rangel Sevilla Secretaria Técnica	Border cities in Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo León and Texas.	Mane Constandse (CO) / Alberto Ramirez (PM)	8/14/2012 12 months	\$ 35,590.91 \$ 35,590.91	Total Percentage Completed: 100 % Final Report Received Sept. 30, 2013 Project Status: Completed
4	20206	3	Gestión y Manejo de Residuos Electrónicos	SECRETARIA DE OBRAS PUBLICAS DESARROLLO URBANO Y MEDIO AMBIENTE ING. MAURICIO CHALONS SALAZAR ecologiareynosa@hotmail.com 2610805	Reynosa, Tam.	Mane Constandse (CO) / Jorge Hernandez (PM)	11/14/2012 12 months	\$ 26,580.16 \$ 26,580.16	Total Percentage Completed: 100 % Final Report Received September 5, 2013 Project Status: Completed
5	20201	4	Children's Environmental Health Initiative Laredo	City of Laredo Health Department Hector F. Gonzalez Ph.D. 956 795 4320 hgonzalez@ci.laredo.tx.us	Laredo, TX and Nuevo Laredo, Tamps.	Mane Constandse (CO) / Alberto Ramirez (PM)	5/2/2012 12 months	\$ 33,473.43 \$ 33,473.43	Total Percentage Completed: 100 % Final Report Received April 30, 2013 Project Status: Completed
6	20198	4	Development of an Environmental/Epidemiological Database in Texas-Mexico Border	Texas A&M University System Health Science Center, School of Rural Public Health Dr. Denny Carrillo Zuniga Ph.: (956) 668-6321 gcarrillo@srph.tamhsc.edu	Border cities in Texas and Tamaulipas	Mane Constandse (CO) / Alberto Ramirez (PM)	5/2/2012 18 months	\$ 49,996.40 \$ 49,996.40	Total Percentage Completed: 100 % Final Report Received January 22, 2014 Project Status: Completed.
7	20212	4	Pesticide Awareness: A Serious Message	Migrants in Action Noemi Ochoa, Executive Director of Migrants in Action	Laredo, TX	Mane Constandse (CO) / Brieida Duarte (PM)	7/3/2012 18 months	\$ 19,990.00 \$ 19,990.00	Total Percentage Completed: 100% Final Report Received June 30, 2013 Project Status: Completed
8	20203	4	Reducing Prenatal and Childhood Environmental Exposure Risks Among Hispanic Families	The University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio Claudia Miller, M.D., M.S., Phone: (210) 562-6553 Email: MillerCS@uthscsa.edu or steen@uthscsa.edu	Border cities in South Texas and North Tamaulipas	Mane Constandse (CO) / Alberto Ramirez (PM)	9/25/2012 18 months	\$ 40,749.37 \$ 40,749.37	Total Percentage Completed: 100 % Final Report Received August 26, 2014 Project Status: Completed.

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No.	Project ID	Goal	Project Name	Project Implementer	Project Location	BECC Contract Officer & Project Manager	TAA signed	Amount Approved	STATUS
				Contact Information			Period of Performance	Amount Disbursed	
10	20201	5	Develop an Emergency Plan for the Maquilas Industries in Distrito E-03 in Reynosa, Tamaulipas	CAMPET (Comité de Ayuda Mutua del Parque Industrial Reynosa) (Reynosa Industrial Park Mutual Aid Committee)  Dr. Carlos Gutierrez del Amo Jr. (361) 959-23-90, Ext. 501 andrgutierrez@campet.com				\$ -	Total Percentage Completed: 0% (cancelled) Quarterly Reports: None Project Status: Project Cancelled in the amount of \$18,600. sponsor can receive funds since it is not a NGO.
11	20205	1	"Cease the Grease" – South Texas FOG Abatement Workshop	City of Laredo Utilities Department  Tomas M. Rodriguez, Jr. P.E. trodriguez@claredo.tx.us	Laredo, TX	Mane Constandse (CO)/ Briselda Duarte (PM)	8/14/2012  15 months	\$ 22,974.89  \$ 22,974.89	Total Percentage Completed: 100 % Final Report Received May 20, 2014 Project Status: Completed
12	20200	5	Simulacro de Derrames Químicos ED Puente III	Division de Protección Civil y Bomberos de Nuevo Laredo, Tam.  Lic. Juan Carlos Pineda Casper pinedacasper@nuevo-laredo.gob.mx tel: 281-245-1000, ext. 1000 jcasper@nuevo-laredo.gob.mx				\$ -  \$ -	Total Percentage Completed: 0% (cancelled) Quarterly Reports: None Project Status: Project Cancelled in the amount of \$5,000. No legal permits to cross HWY 480/401 thru the Bridge.
13	20199	6	LROV NPS Pollution Awareness - Sign Development and Installation Program	Texas A&M University – Kingsville  Kim Jones, Ph.D. Ph: (361) 593-2167, fax (361) 593-2069, e-mail: kjk000@tamuk.edu	Cameron CO, Westlaco, Edinburg, La Joya, Alton, Mission, Alamo, San Juan and Donna, TX	Mane Constandse (CO)/ Jorge Hernandez (PM)	8/26/2012  15 months	\$ 29,518.45  \$ 29,518.45	Total Percentage Completed: 100% Final Report Received February 20, 2014. Project Status: Completed
14	20227	4	Children's Environmental Health Initiative Laredo-Second Phase	City of Laredo Health Department  Hector F. Gonzalez Ph.: 956.795.4920 hgonzalez@ci.laredo.tx.us	Laredo, TX	Abril Quiroz (CO)/ Alberto Ramirez (PM)	8/15/2013  6 months	\$ 32,728.47  \$ 32,728.47	Total Percentage Completed: 100% Final Report Received Dec. 19, 2013 Project Status: Completed
15	20228	4	Healthy Homes Project	Beatriz Favala, Director SCAHEC at NMSU Las Cruces, NM 88011 (575) 646-2987 bfavala@nmsu.edu	Sunland Park, Deming, Lordsburg, Chaparral, N.M.	Abril Quiroz (CO)/ Jorge Hernandez (PM)	8/22/2013  6 months	\$ 24,720.54  \$ 24,720.54	Total Percentage Completed: 100% Final Report Received March 15, 2014. Project Status: Completed
Amount Approved								\$ 333,324.64	
Amount Disbursed								\$ 300,596.17	
Total Approved								\$ 700,951.42	
Total Disbursed								\$ 643,241.95	

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